

Acupuncture Services - Fee Schedule

Acupuncture Services (“Services”) may be provided by a Registered Acupuncturist (R.Ac.), Registered Traditional Chinese Medicine Practitioner (R.TCM.P), or Doctor of Traditional Chinese Medicine (Dr. TCM) (individually the “Acupuncturist”) who is a registrant in good standing with the College of Traditional Chinese Medicine Practitioners and Acupuncturists of British Columbia (CTCMA) and is authorized to perform Acupuncture.

Acupuncture Services may be provided without prior approval from a Board Officer¹ provided the following conditions are met:

- The Injured Worker has an accepted claim
 - The Acupuncturist is required to confirm the status of the Injured Worker’s claim, injury area of body, diagnosis, and date of injury before providing services
 - WorkSafeBC will not pay for Services on pending or disallowed claims.
- Treatment is being provided within eight weeks from the date of injury.
- Treatment is for the area of injury accepted on the claim.
- Services are clinically indicated for the accepted injury and there is a focus on active rehabilitation and return to work.
- The worker is not receiving concurrent treatment for the same injury
 - WorkSafeBC’s general position is that the Injured Workers treatment should be overseen by only one practitioner at a time. WorkSafeBC Board Officer may consider a provision of concurrent treatment on a case by case basis.

If the above requirements are met, the Acupuncturist may proceed within the guidelines outlined in the Fee Schedule below. For clarity, up to eight visits within eight weeks from the date of injury may be provided as clinically indicated; Acupuncturists must follow the Fee Schedule guidelines and invoice WorkSafeBC directly.

If there is a clinical indication for an extension of treatment beyond eight weeks from the date of injury, or the worker is initiating treatment after this timeframe, the Acupuncturist must contact the Board Officer to discuss the recommended treatment plan and receive verbal approval from the Board Officer prior to proceeding with such services. *It is at the discretion of the WorkSafeBC Board Officer to approve, modify, or deny the treatment plan at any time during the treatment process.*

Please visit the [Acupuncture webpage](#) at WorkSafeBC.com for more details regarding invoicing and how to access the online invoicing portal *My Provider Services*.

Please note: *Physicians and physiotherapists can perform acupuncture as part of their regular treatment modalities and may not invoice using this fee schedule (please refer to the Physician and Physiotherapy fee schedules for invoicing guidance).*

¹ “Board Officer” means a WorkSafeBC Client Service Representative, Entitlement Officer, Return to Work Specialist Nurse, Recovery and Return to Work Specialist, Case Manager, Medical Advisor, Vocational Rehabilitation Consultant or other as designated by WorkSafeBC

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Fee Code	Service Description	Business Rules Applicable to Eligibility to Invoice Fee Codes listed	Feb 1, 2021 – Jan 31, 2023	Feb 1, 2023 – Jan 31, 2025	Feb 1, 2025 – Jan 31, 2026	Feb 1, 2026 – Jan 31, 2027
1251840	Initial Visit	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Eligible to be invoiced and payable on accepted claims only, as clinically indicated. Initial Visit must be completed within the first eight (8) weeks from date of injury. If date of injury is beyond eight (8) weeks, approval is required from a Board Officer. Only one (1) Initial Visit is allowed per claim One (1) service-unit equals 15 minutes of one-to-one treatment time. Billable in 15 minute increments up to a maximum of three (3) service units or 45 minutes per day. Cannot be invoiced for the same Date of Service (DOS) as Subsequent Visits. DOS on invoice must match the Injured Worker initial visit date. 	\$23.50/ 15 minutes of treatment time	\$24.00/ 15 minutes of treatment time	\$24.45/ 15 minutes of treatment time	\$25.00/ 15 minutes of treatment time
1251841	Subsequent Visits	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Eligible to be invoiced and payable on accepted claims only, as clinically indicated. Up to seven (7) subsequent visits approved within the first eight (8) weeks from the date of injury. If date of injury is beyond eight (8) weeks, approval is required from a Board Officer. One (1) service-unit equals 15 minutes of one-to-one treatment time. Billable at 15 minute increments up to a maximum of three (3) units or 45 minutes of treatment time per day. Cannot be invoiced for the same DOS as Initial Visit. DOS on invoice must match the Injured Worker visit date. Eligible to be invoiced if extension of acupuncture services is approved by a Board Officer. 	\$23.50/ 15 minutes of treatment time	\$24.00/ 15 minutes of treatment time	\$24.45/ 15 minutes of treatment time	\$25.00/ 15 minutes of treatment time

1252096	Telephone Consultation with a Board Officer	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Eligible to be invoiced when a Board Officer initiates contact for a detailed telephone conversation regarding the worker's progress, treatment plan, or return to work. Billable for conversation time only. Must be documented in clinical notes. One service-unit equals 15 minutes. Billable for consultations up to 15 minutes. Limit one per payee per accepted claim per day. Not billable for discussion of administrative, invoicing or performance issues. DOS on invoice must match the date of the telephone consultation 	\$23.50/ 15 minutes of consultation time	\$24.00/ 15 minutes of consultation time	\$24.45/ 15 minutes of consultation time	\$25.00/ 15 minutes of consultation time
1215232	WorkSafeBC Copies of Clinical Records	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Eligible to be invoiced when patient records are requested by WorkSafeBC and are legible. Flat fee includes all services required to complete and submit the Injured Worker's clinical record. Must be submitted within five (5) business days of the request. Date of Service is the date the copies are requested. 	\$30.00 flat fee	\$30.00 flat fee	\$30.00 flat fee	\$30.00 flat fee
1252097	Report Fee	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Only billable if Report is requested by a WorkSafeBC Board Officer. A flat fee for all services to complete and submit Generic Medical Report Form 83D51. Must be submitted within five (5) business days from the request. The date of the request is considered day zero. Reports must be complete and legible. 	\$28.00	\$28.00	\$28.00	\$28.00

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- For Reports use Generic Report – Medical and Health Care Form 83D51